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OUR REF : DJP/21/2012/lt

RE : **JOHANNESBURG HIGH COURT LEAD TIME
BULLETIN AS AT 28 NOVEMBER 2025 AND
INNOVATIONS FOR THE ROLL FOR TERM 1 OF 2026**

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1. The lead time bulletin of the Johannesburg High Court as at 28 November 2025 is attached.
 2. The statistics illustrate the positive effect of the mediation protocol on lead times in the civil trial court.
 3. The other lead times are thought to be satisfactory, except for the opposed motion court. The optimal lead time ought to be no longer than 12 weeks. The lead time is being incrementally reduces by reason of the separate summary judgment roll and the dedicated insolvency roll. A reduction in lead time shall also be assisted by practitioners seeking enrolment only when a matter is genuinely ripe for a hearing and not selfishly sterilising a slot on the roll that a properly ripe matter could use.
 4. The dedicated insolvency roll in the first term 2026 shall be heard wholly on video-link. This is a pilot arrangement to test efficacy of such an arrangement.

The implications go beyond the mere remote mode of hearing. The “papers” in all matters both unopposed and opposed must be impeccably prepared paginated and indexed as required by the directives issued in this regard. A copy of the Directive of 01 December 2025 is attached, in which an error about the dies within which the documents must be filed has been corrected.

*Dictated by the Deputy Judge President
Electronically transmitted, therefore no signature*

**ROLAND SUTHERLAND
DEPUTY JUDGE PRESIDENT**